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# A GUIDE TO **PARTICIPATION** How to **Lobby the** California State Legislature **Compliments of Assemblymember** Juan Arambula

# **HOW TO LEGISLATURE**

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ASSEMBLYMEMBER, 31ST DISTRICT



Dear Friend:

In order to truly serve the people they were elected to represent, legislators need to hear from their constituents about important issues affecting their lives. Personally contacting your elected representatives is one of the most effective ways to get involved in the political process.

This activity, commonly known as "lobbying," is all too often associated

with paid professionals or Capitol "insiders." The most common form of lobbying, however, is undertaken by average citizens.

This booklet explains how to read a bill so that you are better able to understand legislation that may affect you and your family. By following these basic tips, you can make your communications more effective and help guarantee a more persuasive lobbying effort.

Please call or write to me if you have any questions or concerns about a state matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

> IUAN ARAMBULA Assemblymember, 31st District

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005-06 REGULAR SESSION

### ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 348

Introduced by Assembly Member Arambula

February 10, 2005

An act to amend Sections 14839 and 14839.1 of the Government Code, relating to small business programs.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 348, as introduced, Arambula. Small business certification and reciprocity program.

Existing law provides for various programs to encourage the participation of small businesses, as certified by the Department of General Services, in state agency contracts, and sets forth the duties of the Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Services in this regard.

This bill would authorize the department to accept a small business certification provided by a local agency if it determines that the local agency has applied certification criteria and review processes that are substantially the same as those applied by the department under these provisions. It would require the office to conduct outreach and education activities to local agencies in this regard.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 14839 of the Government Code is 2 amended to read:

**READING AN ASSEMBLY** BILL

**INDICATES HOUSE OF** ORIGIN

**BILLS ARE** NUMBERED SEQUENTIALLY **IN EACH HOUSE OVER THE** TWO-YEAR **LEGISLATIVE** SESSION

**AUTHOR AND CO-AUTHORS OF** THE BILL

**CALIFORNIA CODE SECTIONS** AFFECTED

**LEGISLATIVE** COUNSEL'S **SUMMARY OF** THE MEASURE, **FOLLOWED BY** THE TEXT OF THE BILL

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